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LETTER

Of *November* 12.

FROM

General Monck,

DIRECTED (& DELIVERED)

To the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *London*; Inciting them, and all true *Engliſh-men*, to give their Aſſiſtance, for Redemption of the almoſt loſt Liberties of *England*.

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Among Papers from Chas. to Ld. Chief of London. rec'd 12 Feb. 1659

Right Honourable,

UPon the first notice I had of the late Force put upon the Parliament, I directed a Letter to you, to acquaint you, that My Resolutions were according to My Duty, to stand by them, and to endevour their re-establishment, though with the hazard of whatsoever was Dear to Me, and that the Army under My Command, was very Cordiall and Unanimous in that undertaking, but that Letter comming to a mischance, I have, at the desire, and with the Concurrence of the OFFICERS here, again Written unto you, to let you know, That we still are Constant to our first Resolutions, in which we are the more Confirmed, since we have been informed, that the AUTHOURS of that FORCE have proceeded so far as to *null and make void Acts of Parliament*, which the *King*, when he was at the highest, never pretended to do, and which no true English-man can endure to see done by any but Parliaments themselves, and are now contriving, by their own Power and Authority, to set up *a new Government over the 3 Nations*: If this be suffered, I know not to what purpose all this *Blood* hath been spilt, all this *Treasure* spent, and all those *Engagements* made; We must take upon our selves the *Guilt* of all, and look upon this Slavery we have brought upon our selves, as *A Judgment* upon Us for our *Murders*, and *Rapines*, and *Perjuries*; I take God to witnesse, I have made no other End, than to restore the *Parliament* to its *former Freedome and Authority*, and the People to their just Rights and Liberties; in which I am sure, I cannot want your assistance: It is not the desire of any here, that those which truly fear God, should be hindred of their Liberty, to worship him, according to their several perswasions; or that the Congregated Churches should be abridged of any of the Priviledges and Freedoms they have bin used to enjoy, or even to claim: There are many Members of those Churches with Us, which can give us this Testimony, yet We could be content, that some Men should not under pretence of maintaining that Liberty, endeavour the overthrow of the *National Ministery*, and by consequence leave the greatest part of the People to *Ignorance* and *Athiesm*, However, this is not the Thing for which we at present Contend, we shall leave this and all other things to *the Parliament*, the Confessed Supream Judicature of the Nation; but for the Defence of that, we are All Resolved to venture to the utmost. If this good Cause shall miscarry in my hands,

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through want of your timely Assistance, it will be *too late* for you to endeavour to Support it with your own strength; and if it prosper, it will be dishonourable for a City so famous, and so much concerned, That its *Liberties* should be Asserted, without its own help. I know you are so sensible of the Interest of Gods People, the Rights of the whole Nation, and of your own Charter, (which cannot be safe in the hands of these *Overturners*, and which hath been already indirectly threatned by them) that you will not be wanting, to that Opportunity which God hath put into your hands: But Now, while their Army is waiting upon Me in the North, *use your utmost Endeavours*, in the South. And therefore I shall need to use no other Perswasions to English men, and Men that have Engaged all along in the same Cause: But shall pray to God to unite your Hearts, and strengthen your Hands in this Good Work, and remain

Edenbourgh, *Novemb.* 12th, 1659.

Your Lordships very Humble Servant,

George Monck.

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councill of the City of LONDON.

POSTSCRIPT.

WHich Letter being *Deliverd to the Court*, Novemb. 23. *By two Gentlemen of Quality, was well Resented, not above nine or ten (of two hundred then present) opposing the Reading thereof; which being Read, in regard of a seeming Treaty on Foot: The Court thought fit at present, till the Issue thereof do further appear, to do nothing thereupon.*

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